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Paul Douglas Corl *et al.*

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For: APPARATUS FOR ASCERTAINING
BLOOD CHARACTERISTICS AND
PROBE FOR USE THEREWITH

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This information disclosure statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3) as being filed before the mailing date of the first office action on the merits.

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Notification of Acceptance mailed November 3, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, enclosed herewith are copies of the documents that were cited in the International Search Report and listed on the Form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on July 18, 2003.

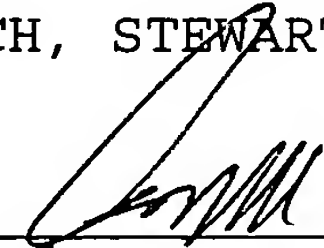
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